

UPDATES
UTAH HEALTH DATA COMMITTEE
Office of Health Care Statistics
Utah Department of Health
July 9, 2001 – September 10, 2001

Planning for 2002 HMO Enrollee Satisfaction Survey: A new set of survey measures was developed by NCQA focusing on HMO child enrollees with and without chronic conditions (CAHPS2.0h). This involves bigger survey sample size and increased cost. To maximize uses of community resources, Health Data Committee, Medicaid, and participating HMOs will conduct Child Enrollee Satisfaction Survey for Medicaid, CHIP, and commercial HMOs in SFY2002, whereas adult surveys will be carried out in FY2003. The Health Data Committee has decided to ask all participating health plans to make reasonable contributions to this statewide effort. Contact Wu Xu at wxu@doh.state.ut.us.

UDOH Long Term Care Study's preliminary analysis has been presented to the Health Data Committee on September 10. Utah Health Care Association also presented their suggestions on Medicaid nursing home bed moratorium. The committee has decided to further analyze the information and public input on this issue. Contact Iona Thraen at ithraen@doh.state.ut.us or Wu Xu at wxu@doh.state.ut.us.

Standardization of HEDIS core measures: A set of selected measures in Health plan Employer Information and Data Set (HEDIS) will be required for Utah HMOs to report to OHCS. Although HMOs reported their HEDIS to OHCS every year in the past, the completeness of the data and its collection methods were inconsistent across HMOs, which reduce the comparability of the data. For more information, contact Chung-won Lee at clew@doh.state.ut.us.

1999 Utah Ambulatory Surgery Public Use Data Set has been released: The number of patient visits and total charges in 1999 were 190,012 visits with \$391,768,745 total facility charges.

1999 Utah Emergency Department Encounter Public Use Data Set has been released: The total ED encounters in 1999 were 605,912 visits with \$819,715,340 total facility charges. This included 61,366 patients that were admitted as inpatients to the facility. This subgroup accounted for \$624,092,864 or 76% of the total charges.

2000 Utah Inpatient Hospital Discharge Data Set is under reviewing: Data suppliers and hospital administrators are reviewing and verifying their own data until September 21, 2001. We anticipate a release date of early October if no serious problems are found. The preliminary total discharges in 2000 were 238,152 visits with \$2,105,464,335 total facility charges. For more information on any of the above data sets contact John Morgan at jmorgan@doh.state.ut.us.

Report titled "Hospitalizations Among Older Adult Utahns: Differentials (1996-98) and Trends (1992-98) in Most Common Diagnoses and Procedures" is ready for distribution. Using data from the Utah Inpatient Discharge Database, 1996-98, and the Clinical Classification Software (CCS). Utah has relatively lower hospital discharge rates, shorter lengths of stay, and lower in-hospital mortality than the nation. The number of annual discharges involving older adults increased by more than one-quarter from nearly 38,000 in 1992 to more than 48,000 in 1998. Mean length of stay declined by one-fifth from 6.5 days in 1992 to 5.2 days in 1996, remaining at that level through 1998. Mean hospital charges increased by nearly \$2,300 from \$9,552 in 1992 to \$11,826 in 1998. Gender and age differences were apparent, reinforcing the view that Utah's older population is not homogeneous in terms of its hospitalization patterns and experiences. For more information call Gulzar Shah at gshah@doh.state.ut.us.

New Staff on Board: Keith McMillian is the new IT Programmer Analyst I in the data management unit, replacing Greg Stoddard's position. Keith has an M.A. in mathematics and had more than 5 years experience in medical claims data reporting, at the First Health Group Corporation. He will strength the office's capacity in timely data management. For more information contact Keith McMillian at kmcmillian@doh.state.ut.us.

Next Health Data Committee's meeting is on Monday, November 5, 2001, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Cannon Health Building Room 125. For more information call Janet Scarlet at (801) 538-7048 or jscarlet@doh.state.ut.us.

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Hospitalizations Among Older Adult Utahns: differentials and trends in most common procedures and diagnoses

<http://hlunix.hl.state.ut.us/hda/Reports/olderadults.pdf>

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